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Pastoral Letters, Addresses and Other Writings of the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Trenton.
Edited by the Rev. James J. Powers. Pp. 403. New York: Benziger Brothers, 1916.

The present volume contains thirty selections from the pen of the Bishop of Trenton. They are now presented to a larger public in the hope that they "will help to solve some of the perplexing problems of the day and also lead to a better understanding of social, civil, and religious conditions." The voice of an American Catholic Bishop speaking on such topics as Education, Labor, Citizenship, the Home, Socialism, Race Suicide, the Press, cannot but appeal to a wide circle of readers, and even in treating of subjects of less popular interest the author often has that to say which gives his words a worth that outlives the particular occasion that called them forth. Questions of the day are handled with outspoken vigor, the bishop being one who prefers entering the arena of discussion to the "state of siege" attitude maintained by too many Catholics. The dominant note of the whole book may be said to be the application of Christian principles to modern American life, in the family, in politics, in the relations of Capital and Labor, in every phase of social relations. And as a patriot no less than as a Churchman, the Bishop of Trenton urges that the solution of our problems can best be found in the leavening of our institutions and of ourselves by the saving morality of the Gospel.

Famous Days and Deeds in Holland and Belgium. By Charles Morris. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1915. Pp. 348.

The eyes of the world have been centered for the past two years upon Belgium and its neighbor, the Kingdom of Holland. These two countries, formerly known as the Low Countries, have had a history as intensely interesting as any in Europe. From the time of Charles V down to the Independence of Belgium in 1830, their history can hardly be divided. The work of Motley has made the history of Holland better known to English-speaking peoples than that of Belgium, and the reading public cannot but welcome any book which tells us the story of King Albert's people. Belgium has been the battle ground of Europe from the days of the Battle of Bouvines, and she has centered in herself